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MARKET INTERVENTION PROGRAMME
AMBATI BRAHMANAIAH

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Coconut Development Board has indicated its readiness for a market intervention programme to support coconut prices;

(b) whether the Coconut Development Board has started such operation in Andhra Pradesh;

(c) if so, the quantum of coconut or coconut products purchased from Andhra Pradesh; and

(d) the plan for market intervention in other parts of the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SBPBK SATYANARAYANA RAO)
(a) to (d): The Coconut Development Board does not implement market intervention programme to support coconut prices.The Board`s mandate is to increase production & productivity of coconuts, product diversification and by-product utilisation. Ministry of Agriculture, however, implements price support scheme for milling and ball copra through the National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation (NAFED) as central nodal agency.In Andhra Pradesh, a quantity of 3110 metric tonnes of copra has been procured under this scheme as on 7th August, 2000. The total quantity of milling copra procured by National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation (NAFED) under this scheme is 78,260 metric tonnes as on 8.8.2000.